



Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
on Health and Human Services
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Department of Health and Human Services



Discussion Topics

- Opening comments
- Progress toward identified gaps
- Current areas of focus



Progress Toward Identified Gaps

- Infant Mortality
- Child and Family Services Review



Maternal & Child Health Action Institute



Child and Family Services Review

To improve services for children in foster care and those receiving in-home services

Over past 3 years,
Governor McCrory and the
General Assembly have
invested more than

\$25.8M

with

\$27.7M

committed next year

Examples include:

- Newly funded child protective services positions
- Enhanced resources to monitor child protection programs
- Increased resources for provision of in-home services and family preservation
- Development of a statewide case management system



Child and Family Services Review

While areas of strength were recognized, there is more work to be done

SAFETY

- From abuse and neglect
- Maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate

PERMANENCY

- Stability in living situations
- Family relationships and connections are preserved

FAMILY & CHILD WELL-BEING

Services to meet needs:

- Education
- Physical health
- Mental health



Child and Family Services Review: Next Steps

JANUARY 2-DAY WORKING SESSION

- Federal and local government officials
- Advocacy groups
- Social workers and administrators
- Court officials
- Mental health professionals

OBJECTIVES

- How NC can improve services for:
 - Children in foster care
 - Children receiving in-home services
- Determine details of a performance improvement plan that will guide reforms to the system for the next two years

NEXT STEPS

Groups across the state will continue to meet over next 90 days to complete the performance improvement plan



Five Key Areas of Focus

- Medicaid reform
- Governor's Task Force on Mental Health and Substance Use
- LME/MCOs
- Public Health
- OPERA



Questions?

